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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7667

BILL NUMBER: SB 473

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 15, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Discipline of bullies.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Wyss

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill defines "bullying" and requires a school corporation to include policies to prevent bullying in the school corporation's written discipline rules.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* School corporations could adopt discipline rules required by the bill during a normally scheduled business meeting. The impact to local school boards under this provision would be minimal.

Background: The following table illustrates the number of suspensions and expulsions over the last few school years:

YEAR	SUSPENSIONS	EXPULSIONS
2001	289,041	6,781
2000	293,934	7,313
1999	305,767	9,263
1998	302,593	10,229
1997	306,034	9,340

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

Information Sources: DOE SAS and ORACLE DATABASES.

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